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## DATA ON USSR SCIENTIFIC EXPEDITIONS, AS OF FEBRUARY 1952

SET SAIL TO SCOUT NORTHERN BALTIC -- Riga, Sovetskaya Latviya, 13 Feb 52

Yesterday, on a well equipped ship, a 26-man prospecting expedition of the Latvian Department, All-Union Scientific Research Institute of Deep-Sea Fishing and Oceanography, set out on the Baltic Sea to study the places where concentrations of sprat are found and also to locate new areas in the northern Baltic where cod abound. This is the first expedition to operate on the open sea under winter conditions.

PREPARE TO STUDY BALTIC PEASANTS -- Riga, Sovetskaya Latviya, 1 Feb 52

Preparations have begun in Riga for a Baltic Complex Scientific Expedition which is to make an ethnographic study of the agricultural population living in the Baltic republics. The expedition is being organized by the Institute of Ethnography imeni Miklukhi-Maklaya of the Academy of Sciences USSR, the Institute of Ethnography and Folkiore of the Academy of Sciences Latvian SSR, the Institute of History of the Academy of Sciences Lithuanian SSR, and scientific institutions of Estonia.

Professor N. N. Cheboksarov of Moscow will head the expedition. Moscow and Baltic ethnographers, anthropologists, and folkloreists will work in three detachments. Students will also be included in the detachments.

The expedition's work will continue for several years. In 1952, it is to be carried out during June and July in the Neretskiy area of Latvia, the northeastern portion of Shyaulyay Oblast in Lithuania, and the areas of Estonia bordering on Pskov Oblast.

Results of the expedition will appear in basic works on the ethnography and anthropology of the agricultural population living in the Baltic countries, as projected in the Five-Year Plan of the Institute of Fthmography imeni Miklukhi-Maklaya.

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PROCESS AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF TURKMEN CANAL ZONE -- Ashkhabad, Turkmenskaya Iskra, 24 Feb 52

The Turkmen Expedition of the Aerial Methods Laboratory, Academy of Sciences USSA, has returned to Leningrad. The expedition, led by senior scientist V. P. Miroshnichenko, included Professor K. S. Lyalikov, G. P. Dbraztsova, I. A. Volkov, A. I. Baranov, and other scientists.

The expedition spent several months in the Main Turkmon Canal construction zone. It was occupied with applying the latest methods or aerial photography to the solution of important problems arising in connection with planning of the canal.

Now, the expedition members are processing valuable materials which they brought to Leningrad.

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